



Cal/EPA  
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE/ USED OIL  
RECYCLING  
PROGRAM AWARDS  
NOMINATION PACKAGE - 2004



Cal/EPA's Household Hazardous Waste/Used Oil Recycling Program awards are intended to promote and recognize local programs engaged in pollution prevention, hazard reduction, waste stream toxicity reduction and recycling. This is accomplished by recognizing several programs, agencies, and individuals in various categories for their HHW/Used Oil program collection activities in calendar year 2003.

Awards will be made in each category as called out below based on **nominations received on or before the entry deadline of close of business (5:00 PM) on Friday, February 6, 2004.** The Awards Committee reserves the right to award none, one or more award in each category based on the quality of the nominations received.

#### ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

- The awards are open to all California household, household/CESQG, used oil, and recycle-only collection programs. All are invited to submit nominations for their programs, processes, or people fitting the award category criteria. More than one entry may be submitted for each program, (i.e., a program may be nominated in more than one category).
- All California programs are eligible except last years award recipients in their respective winning category, (i.e., winners may not compete in the same category in consecutive years.) Award recipients may apply again in their winning category for the second year after their award.
- All nominees must be in good regulatory standing, i.e., compliance. This includes annual Form 303, UWR, and CRT reporting requirements.
- All nominees will be judged against the criteria listed for the award category. The Awards Committee reserves the right to solicit additional information from the nominees.

#### NOMINATION EVALUATION

Nominations are reviewed for completeness by the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee reserves the right to either solicit additional information or return any incomplete nomination packages. All nominations and accompanying documentation received become the property of the Awards Committee.

All awards will be presented during the 2004 Statewide Used Oil Recycling/Household Hazardous Waste Training & Conference to be held March 22-26, at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento, California. All attempts will be made to notify award recipients by February 20, 2004 and are expected to be in attendance or to designate a representative to accept the award.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

A separate nomination form **MUST** be used for each award category. Awards may be submitted electronically, i.e., via E-mail. However, if submitted other than electronically, **two (2)** copies of each award nomination must be submitted. **All nominations must be received on or before close of business (5:00 PM) on Friday, February 6, 2004.** Postmarks are NOT acceptable. In the interests of waste minimization, nominations should be succinct (500 words, max) and brevity is appreciated. If hard copies of photographs are submitted, two 4" x 6" color prints (or color photocopies) of each photo are required. Color prints or Digital images may be submitted for, or with, electronic transmittals.

Entries are submitted to: Cal/EPA HHW/Used Oil Recycling Awards Committee, c/o Matthew Peterson, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone number (916) 255-3626. Electronic submittals should be sent to [mpeters2@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:mpeters2@dtsc.ca.gov)

FAXED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND DEADLINE EXTENSIONS WILL NOT BE MADE.

## **MAJOR AWARD CATEGORIES**

### **1. PEOPLE**

- **Outstanding Personal Service Award** – To recognize an individual for outstanding service in promoting pollution prevention and the reduction of hazardous components in municipal waste streams, and otherwise promoting California's environmental standards, including setting risk-based priorities using the best, most consistent science available, and preventing pollution from being created within the State.

**Submission requirements:** The nomination form and a color photo of the nominee are required.

## 2. POLICY

- **Outstanding Policy Advancement Award** – To recognize the best, most innovative, or forward moving policy enacted at the federal, state, local, or product-category level over the past year. Policy categories may include, but are not limited to:
  - New policy/rule/guideline from U.S. EPA;
  - New language in federal, state, or local laws or ordinances;
  - A new guideline developed and agreed to by an industrial association.

**Submission requirements:** The nomination form, a copy of policy, and supporting documentation as available (press releases, articles, etc.)

## 3. PROGRAM

- **Best New Program Award** – To recognize the best new HHW and/or used oil program implemented at the local level during the 2003 calendar year. The program should be balanced and include, at a minimum: HHW and/or used oil collection services, a public education/outreach component, and an evaluation mechanism.
- **CESQG Pollution Prevention (P2) Award** – To recognize the best or most innovative example of pollution prevention for CESQGs, a new process used by high priority CESQ businesses to reduce their hazardous waste, or a public/private partnership to promote P2 among CESQGs with documented results.
- **Program Excellence Award** – To recognize a model, outstanding program that addresses household, used oil and CESQG hazardous waste management at the local level. The program should promote pollution prevention and the reduction of hazardous components in municipal waste streams.
- **Program Innovation Award** – To recognize unique and effective innovations in either HHW, Used Oil or CESQG services, including such categories as: best recycling/reuse strategies; best documented educational strategies resulting in positive behavior change(s); and/or best documented hazard reduction.
- **Outstanding Rural Program Award** – To recognize a jurisdiction that has developed a comprehensive and sustainable HHW, Used Oil and/or CESQG collection program in a rural area. Programs recognized may include a large or small local, rural program and/or a non-profit program.

- **Togetherness Award** – To recognize a public/private partnership that exemplifies outstanding coordination and cooperation in the implementation of a HHW, Used Oil and/or CESQG collection program. The program should demonstrate increased efficiencies resulting from the committed involvement of all partners. Programs recognized may include regional partnerships.
- **Best New E-Waste Collection Program** – To recognize the best new E-waste program implemented at the local level during the 2003 calendar year that is balanced and includes, at a minimum, E-waste collection services, public education and outreach, and a collection evaluation mechanism.
- **Most Unique E-Waste Program** – To recognize the most unique and/or innovative E-waste program implemented at the local level during the 2003 calendar year (e.g., innovation in strategy, education and behavioral changes, hazard reduction, etc.)

**Submission requirements for program awards:** The nomination form and any other supporting documentation, including photographs.

#### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE (Special recognition)**

- **Pickled Skunk Brains Award** – To recognize the most unusual item received at a HHW, Used Oil or CESQG collection service during the past year.
- **Picric Acid Award** – To recognize the most explosive situation at a HHW, Used Oil or CESQG collection service during the past year.
- **Strange Occurrence Award** – To recognize either the wildest documented story presented to a program in order to convince staff to accept waste, or the most unique customer who came in.

**Submission requirements:** Nomination form and a short, entertaining story to be read at the time of the award. Photographs are encouraged and will earn extra points!

- **Picturesque Award** – To recognize the best photo of an HHW, Used Oil or CESQG collection with the most unique or creative occurrence, or the most innovative post-event use of HHW collected, etc.

**Submission requirements:** A Nomination form, a short entertaining story to be read at the time of the award, and a photograph (preferably color) are mandatory.

**Cal/EPA HHW/USED OIL RECYCLING PROGRAM AWARDS**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**AWARD CATEGORY:**

**NOMINEE:**

**NOMINATOR:**

**PHONE:**

**FAX:**

**E-MAIL:**

**NOMINATION SUMMARY/NARRATIVE (maximum 500 words):**

*Please attach additional documentation called out in award submission requirements*